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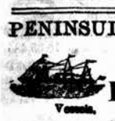

DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	SATURDAY, 2 P.M. 1898.
R.M.I. SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	23rd April.
* CLYDE	4630	C. T. Denny	30th "
R.M.I. EGYPT	6395	R. B. Briscoe	7th May.
* GANGES	4362	T. F. Creery	14th "
R.M.I. ARABIA	6002	J. L. Parfitt	21st "
† CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	28th "
R.M.I. CALEDONIA	7558	W. B. Andrews.	4th June.
† GANGES	4362	T. F. Creery	11th "
R.M.I. ORIENTAL	6284	J. F. Jephson	18th "
† CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	25th "
R.M.I. SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	2nd July.
* GANGES	4362	T. F. Creery	9th "
R.M.I. EGYPT	6003	R. B. Briscoe	16th "
† CLYDE	4099	C. T. Denny	23rd "
R.M.I. ARABIA	6002	J. L. Parfitt	30th "
† GANGES	4362	T. F. Creery	6th Aug.

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IMPERATRIX	T. Rassovich	4,213	1st June 1898.

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TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	12th June 1898.

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INDUS	6,000	Vaquier	7th June 1898.
YARRA	4,255	Colapeilice	5th July 1898.

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vs.

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22nd April, 1898.

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POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per extra s. s. Bormida, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 2 p.m., to-day.

KHOJA SOCIAL PROGRESS UNION.—Under the auspices of the above union, Mr. Hoosainbhoy Joosub Noor Mahomed will deliver a lecture at 11-15 a.m., to-morrow, in the Khoja Muljeebhoy Library. Mr. Manjeebhoy Karrim will preside on the occasion.

MR. DARASHA CHICHGAR'S LECTURE.—The sixth lecture of the season, under the auspices of the Dayan Prasarak Mandli, will be delivered in Gujerati at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, by Mr. Darasha Nataoji Chichgar.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—This afternoon there will be no local run as usual, in consequence of the special general meeting of members, to be held at the Proprietary High School Building, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, members meet at Sir R. T. mple's Statue at 6 a. m. and reaching Villard by 6-30 a.m., will proceed further.

THE B. S. P. C. A.—During the month of March last 1 horse and 16 bullocks were sent to the Pinjrapole as being unfit for work, at the instance of the agents of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with the permission of the Presidency Magistrates and with the consent of the owners; while 53 bullocks and 1 horse were sent to the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals at Parel for curative treatment, and 319 drivers were fined for cruelty to their animals, 8 cartmen for overloading their carts, and 25 offenders warned and discharged by the magistrates.

FOUND DROWNED.—On Thursday afternoon, the dead body of a Hindu, name unknown, was found lying in the mud at the Sewree Bunder, Fort, by a Parsee, named Cursetji Jamsetji, who informed the police. The body was dressed in a white pyran, red waist-coat, and red turban. Constable Murray arrived shortly after in the police launch, and under his ord rs the body was towed to the Bori Bunder. Deceased appeared to be a mendicant, of about forty years of age. Some of the fingers of both the hands were partly dropped off, this being apparently due to leprosy. There were no external marks of violence on the body, which was much emaciated. Information was circulated, and many persons saw the body, but no one could identify it. Mr. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday morning, at the Bori Bunder on view of the body, when an open verdict was returned by the jury.

FATALLY INJURED WHILE JUMPING FROM A TRAM-CAR.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the G. T. Hospital, touching the death of Chagnlal Dhunsookhas, aged forty-nine years, a Marwaree broker in gold and silver, residing at 3rd Bhoiwada. On the 15th instant, the deceased got in tram-car No. 160, at Kalbadevie, Road, to go to Elphinstone Circle. While the car was passing by the north gate of the Town Hall comp und he attempted to jump out, and fell to the ground. One of the wheels of the car passed over the left leg, smashing the shin bone. The car was immediately brought to a stand still, and deceased was placed in a victoria and conveyed by the police to the G. T. Hospital. Constable Peters, on hearing of the accident, immediately proceeded to the hospital and saw the deceased lying on a table in the surgery. He was conscious and made a statement narrating the way in which he met with the accident, which was reduced to writing by the police officer and signed by deceased. Chogmull stated that no one was to be blamed for the accident. On examination by the house-surgeon, it was ascertained that deceased had sustained a compound fracture of both the bones of the left leg and several parts were considerably lac rated. The injured leg was amputated above the knee. His condition, however, bec ame worse, and he died on Thursday night. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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PRIZE-DISTRIBUTION AT COLABA HIGH SCHOOL.

On Wednesday evening, the pupils of this recently-established school received the prizes won during the past year. Previous to the distribution, the scholars and teachers were entertained at tea in the Infant schoolroom. During tea, an interesting exhibition of the graphophone was given. The prizes were afterwards distributed in the presence of a number of parents and friends of the pupils. After prayer had been offered up to the Throne of Grace, a formal report, skitched the history and success of the school during the past two years, showing how the numbers had increased from 30 to over 80, and how the school was beginning to pay itself by the fees from the rapidly increasing Colaba district. The following extracts from the rep rts of the Hon. T. B. Kirkham were then read:—"Great credit is due to the headmaster (Mr. Sch ol) and his assistants for the way in which the Colaba High School has been raised to its present position in the face of considerable difficulties. At my examination 72 pupils were presented under standards I. to VIII., and a total grant was earned of Rs. 539. I shall look forward to great improvement in this school in the course of a year or two, and it will then be open to the management to apply for a reassessment on the ground of the difficulties attending the present examinations have been peculiar, and ought not necessarily to bind the school for five years. Mrs. Walker has rendered most efficient help in the school, and all the girls passed in sewing." After a surprise visit in November last, the Hon. T. B. Kirkham reported:—"The number on the rolls is now 84 against 72 last year and the average attendance for the 12 months was 83 against 48. The number fell to 38 in the height of the plague. Notwithstanding all difficulties Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their staff of assistants have kept the school in excellent order, and I was well pleased with both the amount of work got through and the style of the teaching. The tone and discipline were also quite satisfactory." The prizes were awarded as follows:—Std. VII.—E. Elliott (Dux), H. Champ (Improvement and English), L. Dale (Holiday work, presented by Miss Fredoux). Std. VI.—E. Lees (Dux), E. Fernandes (Improvement), L. Rothwell (Holiday work, presented by Miss Fredoux). Std. V.—L. Hepworth (Dux), N. Moray (English), P. Gilder (Improvement). Std. IV.—M. Ardagh (Dux), F. Champ (Improvement). Std. III.—B. Moray (Dux), R. Gordon (Conduct and Improvement). Std. II.—E. Webber (Dux), A. Ties (Conduct and Improvement), H. Harvie (Improvement). M. Faugle (Improvement). Std. I.—E. Wright (Dux), A. Rotowell (Improvement), I. Bloss (Improvement). Mrs. Keshaw (Improvement). After the prizes had been distributed, a cinematograph and lantern entertainment was given, and hearty appreciation was shown by the uproarious delight and applause of the children.

EARTHQUAKES IN MONTSERRAT,

SOMEWHAT STARTLING NEWS,

A LETTER received a few days ago by Professor Milne from Mr. H. Hamilton, Montserrat, West Indies, contains (says *Nature* of April 7) somewhat startling information. It appears that since the flood of Nov. 29, 1893, which caused great injury to the inhabitants of Plymouth, innumerable earthquake shocks have been experienced. There are several craters and sulphur springs in the island, and it is thought that the mouth of one of the numerous craters has filled up by a landslip caused by the flood referred to, for several shocks of earthquake—the first experienced for a great number of years—were felt on the night of the flood. It is suggested that the filling up of this crater has been the cause of all the earthquakes which have lately occurred in the island. But whatever may be the cause, there is no doubt that since November, 1893, the island has been in a very disturbed seismological condition. Scarcely a day passes without a few shocks being felt, and on many as, thirty distinc. disturbances have often been experienced in one day. On Feb. 15, 18, and 20 of this year, alarming shocks were felt; and as affirmed by the worst shock, that on Feb. 15 (11-46 a.m.) was just as severe as the great earthquake of 1843, but being of shorter duration it did not do so much damage. Several buildings have, however, been very badly damaged by the constantly occurring disturbances, and innumerable cracks have appeared in nearly every stone building in the island. These earthquakes, say Mr. Hamilton, which have been continually felt since November 1893, are causing great anxiety among the inhabitants, as it is feared that the shocks will culminate in a volcanic eruption, or that the numerous stone buildings, weakened as they already are by the continual shocks, must in course of time be thrown to the ground under the disturbances cease. The whole subject demands scientific inquiry, and it is to be hoped, both in the interests of science and of the people of Montserrat, that the Colonial Office, which has probably received official reports of the earthquakes, will send some one to the island to investigate them.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

THE RAMZAN EED HOLIDAY.

IN THE MATTER OF MR. MIRZA MUSA COWSER.

THIS was an application for revision of an order passed by Mr. E. H. Leggatt, Joint Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, on the 24th February last, directing the Professor of Persian at the Gujerat College, applicant, under section 332 of the Criminal Procedure Code, to pay a fine of Rs. 50. The Hon. Mr. N. G. Chandavarkar, with Mr. Manubhai Nanabhai, appeared for the applicant.

Mr. Leggatt, in making the order for the fine, said: Mr. M. Cowser appears to-day represented by Mr. Wadia, to show cause why he should not be fined for non-attendance yesterday as this court as a juror in the case of Imperatrix vs. Vala Gala. It is urged that yesterday was a Mahomedan holiday, and that Mr. Cowser was therefore prevented from appearing owing to conscientious scruples. On Monday it was found that the case would have to be adjourned till Wednesday, as certain witnesses had to be summoned, who were not then in attendance. Mr. Cowser said that Wednesday was a Mahomedan holiday, and asked that the case might be postponed to some other day. It was, however, explained to him that Sessions work was already fixed for several days, and the case could only be heard on Wednesday. He then asked that the case might be taken up at 11-30 a.m., instead of at 11 a.m., as he had religious observances to perform, which would be over by that time. This was granted, and the case was fixed for 11-30 a.m. On Tuesday Mr. Cowser appeared and presented a letter, again asking that the case might be postponed to some other day, but he was again told that this could not be done. On Wednesday Mr. Cowser sent another letter at 10-30 a.m., saying he could not attend, and the case had accordingly to be postponed, causing great inconvenience to all concerned. In neither of the two letters sent by Mr. Cowser is it mentioned that he would be unable to do any work on Wednesday, and it appears to me obvious from the request he made on Monday that the case might be taken up at 11-30 a.m., that he would quite well have come at that time. Had it been otherwise, he would never have made such a request, but would have explained his inability at the time, and also in his letters. He expresses no regret for what has happened, but I think the waste of public time and the causing of great inconvenience to so many persons, witnesses, jurors, pleaders and court, too serious an offence for an apology to explain.

On the application coming on before their lordships, it was urged on behalf of the applicant, Profes-or of Persian at the Gujerat College, Ahmedabad for about thirteen years, that he had during these years work d on numerous occasions as a juror in the Sessions Court. On Monday the 21st February last, he was working as foremen of the jury in a criminal case, the hearing of which went on till about 3 p.m., when Mr. Leggatt desired that a particular witness should be called from up country, and the case was postponed to Wednesday the 23rd February. As that was the Ramzan Eed day, one of the two most sacred holidays for Mahomedans, and recognised as such by Government, the applicant submitted his inability to attend on that day, and prayed that a day other day might be fixed. Mr. Leggatt, it was stated not only refused to grant the prayer, but got very angry and the applicant said that, if the case must be heard on Wednesday, it might be taken up later in the day, whereupon Mr. Leggatt said it would be taken up at 11-30 instead of at 11 a.m. Applicant felt it was impossible for him to make any impression on the judge, and he allowed some time to pass. At the rising of the court at 5 p.m., he again renewed his application, praying that the case might not be taken up on Wednesday, but that Mr. Leggatt would allow him to go. On Tuesday the 22nd February, the applicant wrote a note to the judge, and further made an oral application, submitting that, as the Ramzan Eed was a religious holiday, on which a Mahomedan was bound to perform certain religious duties, it would not be possible for him to attend court on that day. But the judge again declined to do anything in the matter. The applicant was, therefore, very unwillingly compelled to absent himself from court on the 23rd February, and sent a note to the judge, praying to be excused for non-attendance. The judge thereupon issued a notice to the applicant to show cause why he should not be fined. Applicant appeared, and submitted that there was no intention on his part to wilfully disobey the court, but that on account of religious considerations he could not attend on the Ramzan Eed day, and expressed his regret for what had happened. The judge, however, fined him Rs. 50. It was submitted by the applicant that the judge had acted wrongly in fining him, as he had been compelled to attend court on Ramzan Eed day, which was as sacred a day to Mohamedans as Christmas day is to Christians. Besides, the circumstances stated in the petition constituted a valid and reasonable excuse for non-attendance. The judge had erred in thinking that it was necessary for applicant, in order to be excused, to state that he would be unable to do any work at all on the Wednesday. It was obligatory on applicant according to his religion to certain religious ceremonies and functions and it was impossible for him to attend the court that day. The judge was under a misapprehension in saying that applicant had either proposed to argue the 21-30 a.m. on Wednesday being fixed, for applicant renewed his application for postponement only two hours later the same day, a circumstance which, applicant regretted, was not taken into judgment.

Their lordships, after hearing the advocates, rejected the application.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE BUDROODIN TYEBJEE)

A WIFE AND HUSBAND AT VARIANCE.

RASTAMJEE N. VACHAGANDHY VS. MANEKBAI AND OTHERS.

THE plaintiff in this case prayed that it might be declared that the indentures of mortgage of the 14th of February 1891 and the 21st of January 1895 created valid and binding charges upon the premises mentioned in the plaint, and that the same were binding on the defendants Manekbai and the other defendants, and that the defendants might be decreed to pay to the plaintiff Rs. 7,126-14 with further interest. The Hon. Mr. Lang and Mr. Robertson, instructed by Messrs. Dhanjibhai and Seervai, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. and Mrs. Manockji Limji, the latter represented by Messrs. Ardesair Hormasjee and Dinshah, appeared for the defendants.

The plaint stated that by an indenture of mortgage dated the 14th of February 1894, Savakshah Dhanjibhoy Banogee assigned to the plaintiff the premises situated at Govalia Tank subject to redemption thereof upon payment to the plaintiff on the 14th February 1895, the sum of Rs. 6,000 with interest at the rate of 6¼ per cent per annum. By an agreement dated the 21st of January 1895, it was agreed between the plaintiff and Savakshah that the said mortgage should carry interest at the rate of 7½ per cent per annum on the plaintiff agreeing not to call in the principal sum of Rs. 6,000 before the 21st of January 1897. The property was further conveyed by the said Savakshah to the plaintiff as security for repayment of the sum of Rs. 2,000 in January 1897 with interest at 7½ per cent per annum. In April 1895 the defendant Manekbai set up a claim to the mortgaged premises on the ground that her husband, Savakshah was merely a trustee for her and a similar claim was made by her to the property in which Savakshah was plaintiff and Sorabjee Hormusjee Lakdawalla and Mankbai were defendants. The said claim was decided in favour of defendant Manekbai, and her husband Savakshah committed suicide three days after the judgment had been delivered. the plaintiff said that the defendant was the wife of Savakshah, and that on the 15th instant, in the afternoon, the deceased got in tram-car No. 160, at Kalbadevie, Road, to go to Elphinstone Circle. While the car was passing by the north gate of the Town Hall comp und he attempted to jump out, and fell to the ground. One of the wheels of the car passed over the left leg, smashing the shin bone. The car was immediately brought to a stand still, and deceased was placed in a victoria and conveyed by the police to the G. T. Hospital. Constable Peters, on hearing of the accident, immediately proceeded to the hospital and saw the deceased lying on a table in the surgery. He was conscious and made a statement narrating the way in which he met with the accident, which was reduced to writing by the police officer and signed by deceased. Chogmull stated that no one was to be blamed for the accident. On examination by the house-surgeon, it was ascertained that deceased had sustained a compound fracture of both the bones of the left leg and several parts were considerably lac rated. The injured leg was amputated above the knee. His condition, however, bec ame worse, and he died on Thursday night. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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A fund has accordingly been opened with a view to supplying those in want with money, food or clothing, as the case may be, and donations are earnestly solicited.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner, or Mr. Ghellabhai Haridas, Bank of Bombay, who has kindly consented to act as treasurer to the fund, the distribution of which will be supervised by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Weir and Mr. J. Leask, in consultation with the Commissioner.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22.

ALTHOUGH exporters are operating more freely, their operations are hampered to some extent by the tightness still prevailing in the Money Market. The business done in Cotton during the week has been on a slightly larger scale, Shippers being in the market as well as the local Mills; prices indicate a tendency to rise. In Wheat and Seeds the feeling has been steady. Exchange has been a very firm market, and quotations are given this evening at an advance of 3-32d. in Bank, as well as in Private Paper. There has been a very weak and declining tone in Government Paper, rates being one per cent. lower for 3 1-2 per Cents, and unchanged for Threes. Lines have been done in Freights for both ready and May-June shipments to Continental ports, in a steady market. Imports are in fair demand.

MONEY.—Money being intensely scarce the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay, as shown by the Bank's weekly Return issued on Monday, increased last week by 22 lakhs, at 91 3-4 lakhs, while in the previous week it decreased by some 19 lakhs, at 69 3-4 lakhs. In Private Deposits there was an addition of 49 1-4 lakhs; and Loans were 2 1-4 lakhs more. Public Deposits at the Head Office fell off by 1-2 lakh, and by 23 lakhs at the Branches. Bills Discounted and Purchased showed a falling off to the extent of 3 1-4 lakhs.

Meanwhile, there is a severe tension in the market. The Bank's rate is 13 per cent., and that in the open market 15 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last mail day there was a firm feeling in the market with rates quoted at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 7-32 to 5-16d. for three months' sight Credits, a little business only having been reported. On Monday quotations were given at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 5-16d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchants' Bills were scare, and there was only a moderate enquiry for Bank Paper. Rates opened on Tuesday at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Demand, 1s. 4 1-32d. orf Telegraphic, and 1s. 4 5-16d. for three months' sight Credits. A small amount of Bank Paper was placed, and 1s. 4 1-16d. then became the best rate available. There was a good supply of Mercantile Bills, and a fair amount was placed at the opening rate, 1s. 4 11-32d. being the best price obtainable later on. The market was firm in tone on Wednesday at 1s. 4 1-32 to 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, and 1s. 4 1-16 to 3-32d. for Demand, at which latter rate some Bank Paper was reported done. Merchants' Bills were scarce, and the business passing was small. Yesterday 1s. 4 1-16d. was quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 11-32d. for three months' sight Credits. A fair amount of Merchants' Bills were put through, and there was a moderate enquiry for Bank Paper, both ready and forward. The market has been firm to-day at 1s 4 1-32 to 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, and 1s. 4 3-32d. for Demand, with but little enquiry. Merchants' Bills were in fair supply, opening at 1s. 4 11-32d., at which a fair amount was taken. Forward Bills, for near delivery, have also been reported to some extent, and the market at closing is very steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 3-32	per Rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 4 1-16d.	,,
Do. 3 months	1s. 7-32d.	,,
Credits 3 ms' sight	1s. 4 3-8d.	,,
Do. 6 ms' sight	1s. 4 15-32d.	,,
Francs 3 ms' sight	172 1-2	,,
Do. 6 ms' sight	173	,,

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Last mail day the market opened with a dull and drooping tone at 93 1-4 for money, for 3 1-2 per cents, and 95 5-8 for account, with 88 for 3 per cents, and closed at the same level. There was a dull feeling in the market again on Monday with rates quoted at the enhanced level of 93 3-8 for money and 93 11-16 for Account for 3 1-2 per cents; 3 per cents declined to 87, nominal. The market continued dull indoors on Tuesday at 93 1-8 and 93 7-16 for 3 1-2 per cents, for Money and Account, respectively, with 87 for Threes. Rates continued unchanged on Wednesday at 93 1-8 and 93 7-16 for Money and Account, respectively for 3 1-2 per cents, in a dull market; Threes nominally advanced to 88. A further decline in rates was established yesterday, in a week market, to 92 3-4 for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 93 for Account, with 87 for Threes. To-day the market has continued week in tone at 92 1-2 for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 92 3-4 for the Settlement; Threes remained at 87.

SHARES.—There is reported to be a depressed feeling in the market, which has had the effect of bringing down prices. We note from our revised list a decline of Rs. 56 in Manockjee Petit; of Rs. 30, in Currimbhoy; of Rs. 20 each, in City of Bombay, Khandeish, and Queen; and of Rs. 5 each, in David, and Presidency; and an advance of Rs. 12 1-2, in Empress; and of Rs. 5 each, in Lukhmidass. In Presses, Volkart's are Rs. 10 higher; and New Indian, Rs. 6 1-4. In Miscellaneous shares, Delhi and Northern India Flour have advanced Rs. 10. Bank of Madras shares are Rs. 25 lower.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—Up-country buyers are taking only enough to meet their immediate requirements, and will not go further, although holders of Grey Goods are quite willing to sell at current rates. A few buyers have come here from the mofussil, but their number is at present very limited. Sales from the Delhi and Cawnpore markets are moderately good. In Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, and Printed Goods a small business has passed, and rates are the same as before. Locally-made Goods area steady market with no change in prices. The clearances of "Imported Goods" from the bazaar during the week have been some 3,000 packages, and of Local about 12,000 bales.

YARNS.—Buyers are operating very moderately up-country; and China dealers have taken but little. The market is quiet, and official quotations are given as follows:—

Twist	No.	2s Mule,	As.	3 3-4 to 4 3-8 per lb.
,,	,,	10s ,,	,,	3 7-8 ,, 4 1-2 ,,
,,	,,	16s ,,	,,	4 ,, 4 3-4 ,,
,,	,,	20s ,,	,,	4 1-4 ,, 5 ,,
,,	,,	16s ,,	,,	4 13-16 ,, 5 1-2 ,,
,,	,,	20s ,,	,,	5 ,, 5 5-8 ,,
,,	,,	30s ,,	,,	5 3-4 ,, 6 3-8 ,,
,,	,,	32s ,,	,,	6 1-2 ,, 7 ,,
,,	,,	40s ,,	,,	7 1-4 ,, 8 ,,

METALS.—Prices show little or no movement from their previous level; "Swedish Bar Iron" is 8 ans. per cent., dearer.

COALS.—This market has been firm and advancing, and during the week "Pomsil's Duffryn," ready, has changed hands at Rs. 21 per ton; and parcels have been reported of Seshpore, for April shipment, at Rs. 14 per ton, and of Singareni, for May and June deliveries, at Rs. 13 3-4 per ton. We quote, along side:

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil.	Nil.
West ,,	Rs. 17 1-2 per ton	Rs. 16 1-2 per ton.
Australian	Nil.	Nil.
Powell's Duffryn	,, 21	,, 19 ,,
Cardiff	,, 21	,, 19 ,,
Japan	Nil.	Nil.
Bengal	,, 14 1-2	,, 13 1-2 ,,
Singareni	,, 13 3-4	,, 13 3-4 ,,
Seepore	,, 14	,, 13 1-4 ,,
Sanctoria	Nil.	Nil.
Deshagur	,, 14 1-2	,, 13 1-2 ,,

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—The feeling in this market during the past week has been generally steady, and a larger business has transpired in presence of the improved demand from Exporters, whose purchases have been more liberal; while the mills have also bought on a better scale. In prices there has been a tendency to advance, descriptions of Bhownuggur, Broach, and Bengal being Re. 1 to Rs. 3 per candy higher. To-day a large business is reported to have been done both on account of the mills and shippers, in a firm market with a further advance in prices.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Benzal, Fine	Rs.	144–3 5-32d.
Do. Fully Good	,,	138–3 1-16d.
Do. Good	,,	134–3d.
Belatee, Fine	,,	146–3 3-16d.
Do. Fully Good	,,	141–3 1-32d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	,,	143–3 5-32d.
Dholleras, Fine	,,	161–3 7-16d.
Do. Fully Good	,,	154–3 11-32d.
Do. do. 25th May 1898	,,	152–3 9-32d.
Do. do. 25 May	,,	153–3 13-32d.
Do. do. 25th May	,,	150–3 1-4d.
Broach, Fine	,,	184–3 15-32d.

The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	157,500	250,000
Berar	335,000	310,500
Khandeish	274,500	214,500
Barsee and Nuggur	68,500	47,500
Hingunghat	8,500	10,000
Persian and Sind	12,000	13,000
Broach	92,500	110,500
Dholleras	61,500	107,500
Compta and Dharwar	6,000	17,000
	1,016,000	1,040,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1898. Bales.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.
For the week	77,443	47,229	79,97
From 1st Jan. to 21st April	399,897	314,674	1,101,200
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	37,567	11,381	28,927
From 1st Jan. to 21st April	169,523	286,767	401,126
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	8,879	11,457	13,647
From 1st Jan. to 21st April	143,438	211,814	138,987

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—These markets have been steady in tone "Gingelly White," has declined 1 ans. per cwt.; "Mixed, 1 anna and "Guzerat Yellow Rapeseed," 3 ans. White Pessy Wheat, 85 per cent, is 5 ans. per cwt. higher; and 91 per cent. 3 ans.

The Comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	221,791	36,113	180,090
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	1,078,509	384,024	1,519,667
Linseed for the week	5 0,244	9,693	146,618
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	453,741	93,588	2,018,796
Rapeseed for the week	95,993	58,468	89,955
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	459,403	198,120	341,525
Gingellyseed for the week	28,970	13,091	15,678
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	649,808	333,085	761,146

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1893. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	233,703	.....	72,030
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	548,554	811	382,947
Linseed for the week	80,929	8,201	412,051
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	840,318	153,008	1,391,143
Rapeseed for the week	149,912	21,008	1,160,037
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	537,011	173,433	33,2,801
Gingellyseed for the week	89,080	31,708	48,021
Do. from 1st January to 21st April	858,792	235,438	856,653

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 21.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Sursts firm.

Good Bhownuggur 3
The Manchester Market has been strong.
2½ per cent. Consols 109 13-16
3 per cent. Rentes 101 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 112
4½ per cent. Rupee Paper 61 5-8
Bar Silver 25 15-16

The sum of about £225,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results:—Total Bullion, £30 3 0,000; Increase, £9 0,000; Public Deposits, £12 700,000; Increase, £700,000; Other Deposits, £26,700,000; Increase, £700,000; Other Securities, £34,2 0,000; Increase, £100,000; Notes and Gold, £19,700,000; Increase, £1,300,000. The Bank's Reserve is 40 per cent. of the liabilities.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, APRIL 21.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Maclean, from Calcutta, Madras and Colombo, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

The German East Africa Line steamer Sotos left Zanzibar, for Bombay, on the 22nd instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer Ocean, which left Bombay on 13th April, reached Suez on Friday, the 22nd instant, at 8 a.m.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, APRIL 24.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Agutter in G.—Hymns Introit No. 1, 136, 311 and 208.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 135 part 2, 240 and 223.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Woodward in A.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m., and 6 Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Waudby Road, Esplanade).

6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hymns 51, 210 and 238. Psalm 100.
8 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway).

8 a.m., and 6 p.m.—Services.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

(Byculla, Victoria Gardens).

9-30 a.m., and 6 p.m.—Services.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

BOWEN CHURCH—Apollo Bunder.
Behind the Apollo Hotel.
9-15 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. I. F. Row.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

GRANT ROAD CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Sunday School.
8-45 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermons by Rev. W. H. Stephens.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art).

Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
11 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 165, 225 and (par. 11.)
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 137, 266 and 226.
The offertories for church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. W. G. Peel.—Hymns 189, 195 and 287.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon.—Hymns 207, 470 and 211.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral). Preacher, Rev. Father Biscoe.
10 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Solemn Evensong, Preacher, Rev. Father Gardner. Alms for Organ and Choir.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Hymns 126 (Pt. 2), 197 and 133.
4-15 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 140, 182 and 260.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)

6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
(Colaba Afghan Memorial Church.

7 a.m.—Parsee Service.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

8 a.m.—Morning Service.—Hy. 279. Ps. 48. 1-5 time 177. Hy. 234, 1st. Hy. 263.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hy. 61, 1st tune. Hys. 218, 431, 289-2nd tune.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 2ND OF APRIL, 1898.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk fall of pressure in the Punjab, North-West Provinces, Rajputana, the Indus Valley, Berar and at Nagpur, Raipur, Khandwa, Hoshangabad, Saugor, Neemuch, Calicut, Secunderabad, Masulpatam and Coimbatore only and a slight fall elsewhere. Readings are lowest in the north and highest in Ceylon. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds continue to be very variable in direction, and the force has been moderate to light. This morning the wind velocity was 18 miles an hour at Kolaba and 12 at Neemuch and Ahmednagar. The maximum temperature is from 5° to 7° in excess of the normal in Rajputana, and at Deesa and Sirsa; and the minimum 5° to 7° in excess at Amroti, Khandwa, Hoshangabad, Saugor, Jhansi and Lahore. The highest temperature in the shade was 111° at Deesa and the lowest 53° at Belgaum. Humidity changes are unimportant, and the skies are more or less cloudy in Sind, Mysore, the Madras Presidency, Konkan, and on the Malabar Coast. Over an inch of rain has fallen at Cochin (1·68") and Colombo (1·17"), light to moderate showers at Calicut, Belgaum and Bellary, and a few drops and showers at Bangalore. The weather conditions are favourable for thunderstorms with or without rain in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency, on the Malabar Coast, and at the more southerly stations in the Bombay Presidency.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, APRIL 22.

Friday: The barometer has decreased everywhere. A large low-pressure area overlies Northern India, while the barometer is relatively high over the west of the peninsula and the east and Bay of the bay. Very variable winds prevail within the low-pressure area in the north as well as over the central parts of India and of the peninsula, while southerly winds have reported over the bay and northerly winds down the west coast of the peninsula. The force is stronger than usual at the head of the bay. Temperature has fallen in Baluchistan and part of Sind, as well as at some stations in the Deccan and Burma, elsewhere the thermometer has risen. The heat is less than usual over the greater part of the peninsula and over Lower and South-west Bengal, but is excessive elsewhere in parts of the Punjab and Rajputana and of Assam, north Bengal and Upper Burma. The mean temperature is six degrees above the average. The highest maximum reported is 111·5 degrees at Deesa. Showers have been received in parts of Burma, north-west Himalayas, the peninsula and Ceylon. At Tavoy, Colombo and Cochin the amount received exceeds one inch.

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[BY TELEGRAMS.]

DECLARATION OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 21, MIDNIGHT.

War is officially declared at Washington that a state of war exists with Spain from the latter's rupture of diplomatic relations.

BLOCKADE OF HAVANA.

A United States Squadron left Key West this afternoon for the purpose of blockading Havana.

The blockade will be established as soon as concentration is complete.

THE PHILLIPINES.

It is reported that the Pacific Squadron has left Hongkong.

ORDERS FOR NAVAL SHIPS.

LONDON, APRIL 21.

The British Government agrees that a neutral flag covers enemy's goods except contraband of war, and that blockades if proclaimed must be effective.

COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILITIES.

Hostilities between Spain and America have commenced.

THE TREATY OF PARIS.

In the House of Commons, this evening, Mr. Balfour replying to a question, said that America had notified her adhesion to the principles of the Treaty of Paris, but that Spain had not yet replied.

Great Britain, he said, cannot lay down the principle that coal is contraband of war.

It may frequently be so, but not necessarily.

PROCLAMATION BY MARSHAL BLANCO.

APRIL 22.

Marshal Blanco has issued a Proclamation calling upon the inhabitants of Cuba to repel the foreign invasion by force of arms.

DEMONSTRATIONS AT MADRID.

Frantic demonstrations took place at Madrid last evening.

Immense crowds thronged the streets, and insisted upon the removal of the American arms from the buildings occupied by American Companies.

RISING IN PORTO RICO.

The "New York Herald" states that a revolt has taken place at Porto Rico, and that there is rioting throughout the Island.

MEETING OF THE CHARTERED COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Chartered South Africa Company was held to-day. The hall where it was held was crammed, and hundreds of shareholders were unable to enter.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who was present, was re-elected a Director amidst a great ovation.

He said he believed absolutely in Rhodesia as a mineral producing country, and was sure that the shareholders would have a liberal return for their money. He proposed to extend the Railway from Buluwayo to Tanganzika, and eventually to link the Cape with Khartoum.

All the resolutions brought forward were unanimously adopted.

SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH'S BUDGET STATEMENT.

In the House of Commons, this evening, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach introduced his Budget Statement, which shows a surplus for the past year of £3,678,000.

The estimated expenditure for 1898-99 is £106,829,000, and the Revenue £108,515,000.

It is proposed to abate the tax on incomes of between £400 and 700, and to reduce the duty on Tobacco by six pence per pound, but not on cigars.

THE TROOPING SERVICE.

The transport Dunera has arrived at Southampton from Bombay.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, APRIL 22.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Ganges, with the homeward mails of the 16th instant, arrived here, at 1 a.m., to-day.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 22.

With reference to Bombay Command Order No. 180, dated 1st instant, Colonel Norse, 17th Bombay Infantry, on being relieved by Colonel Balack of the duties of Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay Command, is appointed to officiate as Assistant Quartermaster-General, Bombay Command, as a temporary arrangement, vice Colonel (Brigadier-General) Creagh, V. C., appointed to officiate in Command of Aden District until further orders.

Military Works Department.—On return from field service, Captain Dixon, Royal Engineers, is posted to Peshin Division, Military Works. Under instructions from Army Head-quarters, Lieut. Sandys, Royal Engineers, is transferred from Bombay Division, Military Works, and is directed to proceed to Malakhand to join No 4 Company, Madras Sappers and Miners. On return from furlough Colonel Shone, Royal Engineers, is posted to the office of Chief Engineer Bombay Command, Military Works.

Under instructions from the War Office, Major Copper, 1st Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry, is directed to proceed to Peshawar and join the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, to which he has been posted on promotion (travelling at the public expense).

Under instructions received from the Army Headquarters, India, and with reference to Bombay Command Order No. 702 of 31st December 1897, it is notified that Lieutenant-Colonel Saunders, Royal Artillery, has been posted to the command of Royal Artillery at Quetta, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lugard, transferred to the Home establishment.

The undermentioned officers have passed the examination laid down in para. 120, G., Army Regulations, India, Vol. II. :—Lieutenants Delme, Radcliffe, and F. Hay Wither, 7th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned officer is qualified for the rank of Lieutenant :—Second Lieutenant MacG. Dunbar, 20th Hussars.

The services of a non-commissioned officer or soldier are required for temporary employment as officiating Assistant Foreman of Tannery in the Harness and Saddlery Factory, Cawnpore, under the terms of Clause 33, India Army Circulars of 1883. Officers commanding Corps are directed to forward the rolls prepared in accordance with Clause 204, Indian Army Circulars of 1892, of any men considered suitable and volunteering for the employment to the Director-General of Ordnance in India, Simla, as early as possible.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Captain (Temporary Major) Moore, Staff Corps, Second-in-Command, Merwara Battalion, for one year (pension service twentieth year commenced 22nd January 1898.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Reilly, Commandant, 28th Bombay Pioneers, for one year (pension service twenty-sixth year commenced 31st August 1897).

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect from the date of sailing :—Second Lieutenant Cassels, Adjutating Wing Officer, 7th Bombay Infantry, for eight months (pension service 3rd year commenced 3rd January 1895).

Lieutenant Bethell, Wing Officer, 6th Bombay Light Infantry, for six months (pension service 6th year commenced 19th October 1897).

The undermentioned officers have been granted leave [illegible] Staff :—Major Trist, [illegible] Bombay District, [illegible] Command, [illegible] Major Wilkinson, Deputy [illegible] on medical certificate, in India, for 6 months, [illegible] Army Medical Staff :—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Bahren, one year, [illegible] Lieutenant-Colonel Saunders, Royal Engineers, [illegible] Lieutenant-Colonel Lugard, Royal Engineers, [illegible] on medical certificate, preparatory to leaving India.

The undermentioned officers have been granted leave out of India on medical certificate, dating from the Secretary of State for India.

THE VALUE OF INOCULATION.

TEST CASES AT BARODA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 22.

There is good authority for the statement that Professor Haffkine's plague inoculations in Baroda, which have been conducted under far more reliable conditions than any previously secured and which were tested upon the spot by the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service during his recent tour, give results so promising as to bid fair to be of the greatest importance in dealing with plague hereafter. It appears that as nearly as possible half the inhabitants of a typical infected village were inoculated, but to make the comparison certain, observations were confined to families in which all members were equally exposed to the contagion through the occurrence of plague cases amongst them and in each of which some individuals were inoculated and some not. In such families about seventy-four persons were inoculated. Amongst the uninoculated there subsequently occurred twenty-eight plague cases and twenty-six deaths, while amongst the inoculated there were altogether only eight cases, of which three died, the remainder recovering. In other words, it would seem that inoculation proved a more or less efficacious protection in nine cases out of ten.

THE CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

INDIAN OFFICIALS TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

Mr. J. F. Finlay, Secretary to the Government of India, Finance Department, and Mr. J. E. O'Conor, Director-General of Statistics, have been ordered Home to give evidence before the Currency Committee in London. Mr. Jacob, Comptroller-General, acts for Mr. Finlay as Secretary, and Mr. Barrow, Accountant-General, Bombay, acts for Mr. Jacob; while Mr. Harvey is transfered from Calcutta to Bombay as Accountant-General. Mr. J. A. Robertson acts for Mr. O'Conor as Director-General of Statistics.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Captain H. F. Walters is appointed Wing Commander, 24th Bombay Infantry, vice Major Alban, seconded for employment as Commandant, Zhob Levies.

On return from leave, Colonel W. T. Shone, R.E., is posted to the Bombay Command. On return from field service Lieutenant F. P. Rundle, R.E., is posted to 2nd Section Submarine Mining Company, Bombay. Lieutenant De C. Ireland, 13th Bombay Infantry, is transferred to 29th Garhwal Rifles.

Second Lieutenant A. R. Shuttleworth is gazetted officiating Wing Officer, 5th Bombay Light Infantry.

Lieutenant Robinson, 17th Bombay Infantry, is gazetted Wing Officer, vice-Captain Whyte, promoted Wing Commander.

Lieutenant Adamson is gazetted Quarter-master, 19th Bombay Infantry.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

Home Department—Mr. Justice Frizelle is gazetted to succeed Sir Charles Roe as Chief Judge, Chief Court, Punjab.; Babu Protul Chandra Chatterjee, First Temporary Additional Judge, being appointed a Judge of that Court, while Mr. W. O. Clark becomes First Temporary Additional Judge and Mr. T. G. Walker, Second Temporary Additional Judge.

Foreign Department—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. Crofts, Residency Surgeon, Gwalior, is granted nine months' furlough; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crofts, Medical Officer, Kotah, officiating for him.

Major Pears is appointed Resident, Western States, Rajputana.

Major R. H. Jennings is posted as Political Agent, Alwar.

Captain W. M. Cubitt is posted as Political Agent, Malwa, and Captain G. F. C. Trench as Assistant to the Resident of Kashmir.

The appointment of Mr. R. F. Greener as American Consul in Bombay is recognised.

Lieutenant Brand, 5th Bombay Infantry, and Captain Hamilton, 2nd Bengal Infantry, have reverted from duty under the Bombay Government to Military employ.

Lieutenant French, 3rd Gurkha Rifles, has been deputed for plague duty under the Bombay Government.

Lalla Jai Kishna, Deputy Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Bombay, is transferred to the P. W. Accounts, Punjab, Lahore; Mr. W. English Assistant Examiner, N.-W. Railway Lahore, being transferred to the Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Bombay.

Revenue and Agriculture Department—Lieutenant-Colonel Gore, R. E., Superintendent, Trigonometrical Surveys, is granted six months' special leave; Major Burrard, R. E., officiating.

Veterinary-Captain Pease, Principal, Lahore Veterinary College, is granted fifteen months' furlough.

Mr. Wild, Conservator in charge Bengal Forest Circle, ten months' furlough; Mr. Chester officiating.

Mr. Bagshawe, Conservator in charge, Berar Forest Circle, eight months' furlough; Mr. W. P. Thomas officiating.

Mr. Smythies, Conservator, Western Forest Circle, Upper Burma, eight months' furlough, Mr. C. H Hill officiating.

Captain Waghorn, R. E., officiates as Deputy Consulting Engineer of Railways, Bombay.

Extensions of leave, on medical certificate, are gazetted for three months to Commander Bacon; for six months to Commander Barrett; and for three months to Sub-Lieutenant La Touche, all of the Indian Marine.

The importation of rags, bedding, waste-paper, and apparel, except as personal baggage, from Karachi into any part of India is prohibited.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The crop reports record little change in the agricultural position. The numbers under relief have fallen to 10,941, of whom 935 are in Madras, and the remainder in Bombay.

THE ATTEMPT ON THE NAWAB OF DIR'S LIFE.

The latest news received through Malakhand from Dir contradicts the story of the attempt on the Nawab's life.

TIRAH HONOURS.

ORDER OF MERIT TO NATIVE RANKS.

A large number of appointments to, and promotions in the Order of Merit for conspicuous gallantry in the Tirah Expedition appear in the *Gazette*. The recipients include Subadar Kirpa Ram Thapa, of the 2nd Gurkhas, who was the first man to reach the enemy's position on Dargai Hill; Havildar Dalman Ali, also of the 2nd Gurkhas, who went back with Surgeon-Captain Selby on the occasion of the retirement over Tseri Kandao and under heavy fire at forty yards' distance and helped to bring in the last wounded man of the regiment; Subadar Lehna Singh, of the 3rd Sikhs, who continued cheering on his men at the Dargai fight after he had fallen severely wounded, though he lay exposed to heavy fire; and many others for saving their wounded comrades under fire or for being first into the enemy's position.

FRONTIER NEWS.

Lundi Kotal, April 21.—General Symons reconnoitred, to-day, to the top of Lakkasur or High Hill, eight miles east of Lundi Kotal, and found all quiet on that side.

The composition of the Khyber Force which remains on the frontier under General Symons is now published. It consists of three Brigades, commanded by Generals Hart, Gaselee, and Hammond, respectively.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co's. s. s. Shannon, Captain F. Cole, will sail to-day for London, Brindisi and Aden, with English mails and the following passengers:—

FOR LONDON.

Allen, Miss C S
Alexander, Miss
Armstrong, Mr and Mrs C H
Anderson, Mrs J G
Atkinson, Mr R P
Bradshaw, Capt
Brown, Mr H W
Bellings, Mr and Mrs D
Blunt, Mr A W
Blunt, Miss
Boyce, Mrs
Brown, Mr G C Cowley
Brander, Mrs
Brown, Mr G C Cowley
Button, Mr
Beckham, Mrs and infant
Crawford, Mr J G N
Orr, Mr and Mrs E W and infant
Corkhill, Mr and Mrs W
Carrington, Mrs and Miss
Clemo, Mr J
Courtney, Col
Carter, Mrs Dixon
Craigie, Mr A
Conybeare, Mr and Mrs H C
A 3 children and 2 infants
Clark, Mr
Campbell, Miss
Cotgrave, Capt
Cheetham, Mr H
Crawford, Major, Mrs and child
Devenish, Mr J A
Duggan, Mr and Mrs A B
Dalrymple, child and 2 infants
Ellis, Surg Lieut Col and Mrs T
Elliott, Mr A
Fenton, Capt and Mrs W H
Falkenberg, Miss
Fairpound, Mrs
Gubbay, Mr Maurice
Gerard Surg Major and Mrs
Gerard, Miss
Gordon, Rev and Mrs E M
Gawthorne, Mrs Herbert
Gordon, Col S V
Gribbin, Mr
Holt, Surg Capt and Mrs R H
2 children
Holmes, Lieut and Mrs G V
Hart, Mr G
Hawke, Mr E J
Hawkes, Major H W
Holl, Mr
Jenkins, Mr A
Jenkins, Mr F J
Joshi, Mr B B
Kinmins, Miss
Knox, Capt Mrs
Kelly, Lieut Col R E D
Legmir, Mr, Mrs and child
Lawrence, Mr and Mrs
Learmouth, Lieut F L Livingstone

FOR MARSEILLES.

Leo Mayer, Revd J
Leo Mayer, Mrs
Lee Mayer, Miss
Leo Mayers, 2 Masters
Moncreiff, Surg Capt S
Millward, Mr P
Macpherson, Mrs T
Marsh, Mr J
McMaster, Mrs
McMaster, Miss
Robertson, Mr H C
Sleaford, Mr J
Stanford, Mrs
Stewart, Mr W M
Sawyer, Mr W
Shaw, Mr
Warden, Mr H B
Worlee, Mr
Young, Mrs H B

FOR BRINDISI.

Vasey, Mr
Wilkinson Maj

FOR PORT SAID.

Kennedy, Lt J
Kaunte, Lt B G
Lauren, Mr H H
Ricketts, Lt H A
Sandilands, Lt V C
Waller, Lt H
Wilson, Major A

FOR ISMAILIA.—Yate, Colonel.

FOR ADEN.

Sequeira, Surg W S

Macnair, Mr
Macphee, Mr and Mrs E McA
Miles, Mrs H C
Murray, Col
Mcdonald, Mr J B
Macfie, Rev J M
Mead, Capt H R
Mackenzie, Mr G T
Moseley, Mr R K
Muir, Mrs J S
Macgregor, Col and Mrs C R
Muspratt, Lieut E
Murray, Col
Maconochy, Capt
Monteath, Mr H G
Macpherson, Mr and Mrs
Macpherson, Mr and Mrs J
Nairne, Mr
Nain, Mr R
Nelson, Mr R A
Orton, Mr E
Pollock, Brig Surg Lieut Col and Mrs
Pointon, Mr A
Paintman, Mr
Quick, Mr L E
Riekie, Mr and Mrs J and infant
Ryves, Major T G
Ringe, Mrs and child
Rathigan, Mr W and Lady
Reed, Capt
Ricketts, Capt H C
Rickett, Mr P P
Sturge, Mr P H
Smith, Mr H Scott
Scott-Smith, Mrs Miss and two children
Sparling, Mrs
Stoker, Mr, Mrs and child
Sharp, Mr H
Sim, Mr G
Seaton, Mr and Mrs E A
Steuart, Mr F G
Sikes, Mr
Sledar Singhji, Mr
Sheepshank, Mr R
Turner, Mr C Acton
Tate, Mr and Mrs
Tate, 2 Misses
Tinley, Miss
Thornton, Mr C
Thwaytes, Major E E
Tyrwoot, Major
Wight, Mr J Knox
Williams, Mr J
Walker, Mrs A L
Waller, Mrs child and infant
Wilkinson, Mr W A
Watson, Mr L P
Webb, Mr
Wollocston, 2 Misses
Whitford, Mr
Wilkins, Mr

FOR MARSEILLES.

Klein, Mr and Mrs A
Lord, Mr
Macdonald, Mr G R
Proctor, Mr and Mrs R E
Tucker, Mr L R P

FOR BRINDISI.

Beach, Dr
Bulles, Mr
Hodgson, Mr T H
Hughes, Mr H W
Hodgson, Mr and Miss
Hawes, Major

Venis, Mr A

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, GOOD FRIDAY.

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

THE Duke of Devonshire in the House of Lords and Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons made their anxiously-awaited statements on Tuesday just before Parliament dispersed for the Easter Recess. In the House of Commons the scene was remarkably animated, and it reminded one of old times to see the eagerness displayed by the general public to secure places in those parts of the legislative chamber set apart for visitors or, as they are more bluntly styled at Westminster, "strangers." Only a fifth of those who applied for seats could be accommodated to the great disappointment of the rest. Those who were lucky enough to be present heard an interesting debate. Mr. Balfour spoke for an hour, and three more hours were occupied by the subsequent speakers. At the outset the First Lord of the Treasury and acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs referred to his speech of January 11, in which the policy which this country ought to pursue in the face of the present new and unexampled situation was stated. He then laid down three propositions: (1) the necessity of avoiding any territorial acquisition except it were required for a military or naval base (2) that Great Britain's interests in China were commercial not territorial, and (3) that those interests might suffer in two ways—by foreign Powers acquiring ports and introducing prohibitory fiscal regulations or by any one power indirectly surprising our interests by obtaining means of putting pressure upon the Chinese Government at Pekin. These principles, he maintained, had since guided and were still guiding the policy of her Majesty's Government.

CONCESSIONS FROM CHINA.

He called attention to the commercial concessions which we have obtained directly from China over those portions of the Empire directly under the control of the Chinese Government, and the position in which we stand with regard to those parts which by lease had fallen under the control of Germany and Russia. As to the former he enumerated them as follows:—(1) Non-alienation of the Yang-tsze region; (2) An Englishman to succeed Sir Robert Hart as Chief of the Customs; (3) Permitting access by the steamers of all nations to the great waterways of China; (4) Opening of three new treaty ports—Chinwang Pe'tatho in the Gulf of Pe-chi-li, Fu-ning in the Sam Sa inlet, and most important of all Yo-chau on the Tung-ting Lake. For two months' negotiations Mr. Balfour thought it would be admitted that this was a considerable harvest.

CONCESSIONS FROM OUR RIVALS.

Respecting our position *vis-a-vis* of the German and Russian acquisition Mr. Balfour recorded his belief that neither Power has the slightest intention of depriving us of any of our treaty rights. What he said about Germany may be quoted in full: "The assurances of Germany have been in their general tone and spirit perfectly satisfactory. They have not, indeed, been very specific. (A laugh.) They have not been very detailed; but their statements that the port they have taken is to be open to the commerce of the whole world and that they mean to regulate, so far as they can, the region over which they have got control on principles agreeable to us indicate what I believe to be absolute truth, which is that within China—certainly in China—and I do not limit the statement to that, but certainly in China—British interests and German interests are absolutely identical. Jealousy, I suppose, there may be between individual traders, individual concessionaires, and individual producers. But fundamentally the interests of the two countries are the same and must be the same, and I certainly believe that we shall be able without difficulty to work hand in hand towards carrying out these general commercial objects which I believe approve themselves to the sense of this House." As to Russia he admitted that the exact form of her assurances had changed, but in regard to the fundamental and essential part of the question, they all agreed that no treaty right at present enjoyed by this country was to be abrogated by the recent arrangement between China and Russia.

PORT ARTHUR AND WEI-HAI-WEI.

Perhaps the most interesting portion of the whole speech was that relating to the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia and the consequent determination of England to seek compensation by appropriating Wei-Hai-Wei on its evacuation by Japan. As Mr. Balfour reminded the House when it was three years ago a question of Japan annexing Port Arthur, Russia made an important declaration. "The occupation of Port Arthur," said the Czar's Government, "is a constant menace to the capital of China." Adopting that view of the matter her Majesty's Government offered if Russia would abstain from occupying Port Arthur to themselves abstaining from occupying any part in the Gulf of Pe-chi-li. "I think that offer was a fair one. I think it would have been well if it had been accepted." The offer was not accepted. Her Majesty's Government in a telegram, dated March 22, exppressed disappointment at the refusal of the Russian Government, and in a despatch of a week later—only seven days before Mr. Balfour's speech was made—they intimated that in the circumstances they should take such steps as they thought necessary to safeguard British interests. Her Majesty's Government had then obtained from the Chinese Government a lease of Wei-Hai-Wei with the right of occupation, after the Japanese had left it, on the same conditions, and for a like term of years, as those obtained in the case of Port Arthur. There was one singular omission in Mr. Balfour's statement. I refer to his neglect to say anything about Japan. The Duke of Devonshire, however, was less reticent or neglectful. The Japanese Government were, he explained, informed of what was to be done. He proceeded:—"For some reason, of which I am not aware, the Japanese Government have desired that the reply they made to that communication should, for the present, be treated as strictly confidential, and I am therefore unable to state the exact nature of that reply, but I may say that nothing in the shape of a remonstrance has been received from the Japanese Government and that there is no reason to suppose that this measure—which is only to come into operation on the evacuation of Wei-Hai-Wei by the Japanese Government, and which is in no degree hostile, or understood to be hostile, to the interests of Japan—can excite any opposition on the part of the Japanese Government." The Duke made another interesting announcement not vouchsafed to the House of Commons by Mr. Balfour. China's acquiescence to our occupation of Wei-Hai-Wei has been accompanied by two conditions or, as the Duke called them, "requests." The first is that facilities shall continue to be afforded for China se ships of war making use of the harbour of Wei-Hai-Wei, and the second is that the occupation by us of the Port of Wei-hai-wei should be made the occasion of granting to them special facilities for the training under British naval officers of Chinese naval officers.

OPINION IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Upper Chamber, if I may so call it, Lord Kimberley was the only speaker besides the Duke of Devonshire. The ex-Liberal Foreign Secretary was mildly critical. Like Sir William Harcourt in the other House, Lord Kimberley accused the Government of changing front. The policy previously announced by the Government of the "open door" and of the avoidance of the partition of China was now practically abandoned, and the system of dividing that country into "water-tight compartments" had been substituted for it. That was a very grave change, and he should like to know how our intended acquisition of Wei-Hai-Wei—on which he now reserved his opinion—was regarded by Russia and Germany. What, he asked again, was the precise nature of the obligations which the "lease" of that port would entail on us, as the transaction was one somewhat novel in respect to international law. He believed that the great changes now going on would lead to the inevitable dismemberment of China. LordKimberley also regretted that theGovernment could not make a clear statement both as to what were the demands of France on China and whether they seriously affected the interests of this country. Sir W. Harcourt in the course of his remarks described the present policy of the Government as one of rival occupation, and said he could not believe that it was likely to be confined to its present limits. Mr. Courtney, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Curzon, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Charles Beresford and Mr. Yerburgh of the Chinese Forward Committee also spoke. Sir Charles Dilke pointed out that unless Wei-Hai-Wei was provided with docks and forts it would be no balance to Port Arthur. His own belief was that the Government did not intend to set up a dockyard or fortifications there. Sir Edward Grey as became his position as ex-Under Foreign Secretary adopted a rather more censorious tone, not blaming them so much for sins of commission as for sins of omission. He observed that all over the world there was an impression that in the Far East we had lost prestige; and the action of her Majesty's Government was watched and weighed and taken as a test of their strength of purpose. Knowing how great our interests were in the Far East, he feared that at critical moments the influence wielded by our Government was not in proportion to the greatness of those interests. Mr. Yerburgh gave offence to some of his Conservative friends by expressing complete concurrence in Sir Sir E. Grey's speech. The immediate result of this exhibition of candour is that Mr. Yerburgh's Committee has been deprived of the co-operation of that newly-created "Bart."—Sir J. W. Maclure.

THE PRESS ON THE MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS.

Mr. Balfour, in concluding his speech, boasted that he had not adopted an apologetic tone. Some of the Government organs, however, are apologetic and others even hostile. The *Standard*, for example, says of the Government:—"If their policy in regard to the prestige of this country in the Far East was open to criticism they have shown themselves amenable to public opinion, and have, even at the eleventh hour, done their best to make good their shortcomings." The *Morning Post* puts the position thus:—"The Russian Government did want Port Arthur; it was in earnest. It ignored the objections, took no notice of the grave representations, contrived that the British men-of-war should leave the harbour, and it failed to appreciate the magnanimous British proposal to leave untaken the place that the British Government was anxious not to take. Thus the Government failed in its great purpose of preventing Russia from securing 'the means of putting pressure on the Chinese Government.' The Cabinet then considered what to do next, and resolved to provide itself with the means of putting counter pressure on the Chinese Government. That means was found in the Naval demonstration and the lease of Wei-Hai-Wei. The Goverement yesterday described this course of action by the word 'success.' But is not that rather a premature epithet? Russia and Great Britain having both secured the means of 'putting pressure on the Chinese Government,' the next stage will be the trial of comparative pressures. The heaviest pressure will come from the Power that is most in earnest. In the preliminary experiments regarding Port Arthur, Russia seems to have been hard and resisting, and Great Britain yielding, if elastic. The next experiment may be more complicated, for France may be anxious to take part in the process." The *Globe* looks in vain in Mr. Balfour's speech for any indication that the Government are alive to the necessity of checking further encroachment by Russia and France upon the integrity of China, and adds:—"The dangers arising from the absence of a clearly-defined policy have, however, been so strikingly illustrated during the past month that we would fain hope that British policy in the Far East may be characterised by more forebearing and resolution in the future than have been displayed in the past. At any rate, the Government may be assured that, as the knowledge of Far Eastern affairs becomes more developed in this country, so will the demand for a firm and intelligent policy be more strongly insisted upon." The *Sun*, once a Liberal luminary, but now a light of Conservatism, delivers itself in the following manner:—"Mr. Balfour's statement yesterday of the Government's policy in respect to China was altogether disappointing. This much is clear: the Germans have been ahead of us at Kiao-Chow, and the Russians have been ahead of us at Port Arthur and Talien-Wan. As to the former, we were careful not to object until the Russians were actually in possession; as to the latter, we seem by our own indiscretion to have virtually made the Russians a gift of it. To pretend that, in its present condition, Wei-Hai-Wei is a counterpoise to Port Arthur is absurd. Mr. Balfour made a great point of the 'unaccountable weakness of China.' We are much mistaken if the Russians do not to-day marvel and rejoice at the 'unaccountable weakness' of England." Mr. R. C. Gould has drawn a clever cartoon representing the leading members of the Ministry dressed as costermongers off for their Easter holidays in a donkey cart. Mr. Curzon has the reins, Mr. Chamberlain is also sitting in front playing a concertina, and Mr. Balfour is waving his cap, while all are singing "Hi-tiddley-hi-ti—Wei-Hai-Wei!" I venture to doubt very much whether Ministers are in such a joyous frame of mind.

CONTINENTAL OPINION ON THE NEW BRITISH MOVE.

All over the Continent the news of the intended occupation of Wei-Hai-Wei was a great surprise. In Germany, Mr. Balfour's conciliatory language with reference to that country's doings appears to have had a good effect, the news has been received, if not with glee, at any rate without the accustomed abuse of this country. In Vienna the transfer of Wei-Hai-Chai to England raises apprehensions lest the close proximity of England with Russia and Germany should lead to friction. The French press choose to regard our action as distinctly an act of menace to Russia. As to the Russian journals they are for the most part besides themselves with rage.

"WILL THERE BE WAR BETWEEN AMERICA AND SPAIN?"

This is the question that everyone is asking to-day. In a few days we shall know. Opinion has changed from day to day, almost from hour to hour, and on Monday when it was erroneously supposed that the Pope's intervention had been accepted, half the papers in Europe published articles congratulating the civilized world that war had been averted. To-day it looks as if there must be an outbreak of hostilities, though the further postponement of President McKinley's Message to Congress may possibly make for peace. As to the delay in sending in the Presidential message one of the New York "Yellow Journals"—the Evening Telegraph—gives an almost incredible explanation. It states as an expression of the views of "several leading Congressmen" that a feeling is growing which threatens to involve the impeachment of Mr. McKinley. The Congressmen concerned are said to assert that evidence of stock-jobbing is so apparent in connection with the President's action as to arouse a desire for the taking of extreme measures on the part of Congress. The *Evening Telegram* in support of these extraordinary statements publishes interviews with many bankers which go to show—so a cablegram I have seen declares—that the bulk of business recently executed in Wall Street is from Washington!

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Nothing further has transpired respecting the composition of the departmental committee that is to enquire into the proposed establishment of a gold currency in India, but it seems to be quite true that the inquiry will be presided over by Sir Henry Fowler.

An attempt was made in the House of Commons to induce Lord George Hamilton to produce the papers on the subject before the adjournment for Easter, but it was not successful. The matter was first mentioned by a Lancashire Conservative member, Mr. Tomlinson, on Monday, Lord G. Hamilton explaining that he proposed to lay on the table copies of the Government of India's recent despatch and his preliminary reply as soon as the committee has been appointed. On the following day Mr. Banbury, a City man, who sits for one of the transportine constituencies, asked the Secretary of State on what grounds the publication of the Indian Government's proposals for the reform of the currency was withheld until the appointment of the committee of inquiry? Lord G. Hamilton replied:—"The inquiry which the committee will have to conduct is, as the hon. member must be aware, of a rather delicate nature; and, when the proposals made by the Government of India on the same subject in 1892 were referred to a committee, the despatch containing them was not published till the committee had reported, about a year afterwards. I have, however, decided that on this occasion a different course may be adopted; but I consider it desirable that the publication of the proposals of the Government of India should be simultaneous with their reference to the committee." People are wondering whether Mr. J. M. Maclean will be appointed a member of the committee. He ought to be, but whether he will be chosen is another question. For some reason or other Mr. Maclean is not "persona grata" to Lord George Hamilton, who deliberately passed him over when a vacancy in the Welby Commission had to be filled up, and selected instead a mere party hack, Mr. Mowbray. The decision arrived at to refer the Indian Government's proposals to a departmental committee will add importance to the paper on "India and Currency," to be read by Sir Edward Sassoon before the Indian Section of the Society of Arts on the 28th instant in accordance with arrangements made some months ago, when it was not clearly foreseen what course events would take. The chair will, I understand, be taken by Sir David Barbour, who certainly does not make himself cheap and who has not been heard on a public platform for a long time past. His views on the present situation ought to be worth listening to. The well-known writer of the "Times'" articles on Indian affairs in his latest contribution points out that Lord George Hamilton's guarded remarks in the debate of last week pointed to a gold standard rather than to a gold coinage; that is, to the establishment of a fixed ratio between the rupee and the sovereign, and not to the substitution of the sovereign for the rupee, such as Mr. A. M. Lindsay proposes. Mr. Lindsay's latest brochure, "How to Fix Sterling Exchange: A well-tried Safe and Economical Method" is attracting much attention here. The "Times'" contributor points out that if Mr. Lindsay's scheme or a modification of it be found practicable, the relief to the Indian finances would be great, and the main cause which prevents English capital going to India would be removed. But in any scheme which starts from the basis of precedents in the past, very careful scrutiny is required before the precedents can be accepted as absolutely applicable to the conditions of the present. A special feature of India is, we are reminded, its necessity for discharging an annual gold indebtedness to England estimated at about 25 millions sterling, if we include both Government and non-Government obligations. To some, indeed, a single-handed attempt of this sort to fix an artificial value between gold and silver may seem like sending India on the forlorn hope of bimetallism without any force to follow her into the breach. These, however, are among the first points with which a public inquiry would deal. The permanent Under-Secretary of State for India, Sir Arthur Godley, is, I suppose, almost certain to be a member of the committee. He is very much interested in the question of Indian currency, and is considered to be a strong financier.

THE USURY INQUIRY.

The House of Commons Committee sat on Tuesday and received some interesting evidence. One of the witnesses, a Mr. Moore, whose office is just off Piccadilly, said his dealings were mainly with noblemen and gentlemen, but he had had dealings with married women behind the backs of their husbands. His rate of interest varied from 15 to 60 per cent. per annum. This gentleman, who was severely cross-examined respecting transactions with one of his clients, not inappropriately named Greene, expressed disapproval of the idea of giving judges discretion to examine all the relations of borrowers and lenders. He was, he said, in the habit of doing business with gentlemen, and gentlemen thought their word much greater than any legal questions that might arise. They were honourable, and as a rule kept their promises. Mr. Moore was followed by Mr. Daniel Jay of Jermyn Street, who fifteen years ago had a capital of £2,000 and now has, according to his own admission, between £50,000 and £60,000, made out of the profits of his business. Mr. Jay also has the names of married women on his books and his rates in such cases vary from 40 to 60 per cent. "Never more than 60 per cent." He could not be induced to admit that in the Sykes case his lending money led to crime, but he made some piquant disclosures respecting a certain promissory note for £20,000 which has been the subject of a good deal of Society talk recently. He and his solicitor received between them £2,600 for guaranteeing the genuineness of a signature of Lord Barton to the promissory note in question. He made no inquiries as to the genuineness of the signature, and had since seen it described in the city article of the *Times* as a forgery. Asked by an innocent member of the committee why if he believed the signature *bona-fide* he charged £2,600 for getting the bill discounted, "Good heavens!" was the answer. "Why should not a large profit be made out of a genuine bill? I had done business with this lady for a long time, and she had never deceived me or lied to me." The facts relating to this forged document were related two days previously in a letter from Sir George Lewis to the "Times," and published in an exceptionally prominent manner. The lady's name was not mentioned, but her solicitors pointed out that Sir George Lewis's letter is open to the construction that their client put the bill into circulation knowing it to be a forgery, although they "feel sure Sir George did not intend his letter to have this construction." Sir George sends a rejoinder. "I stated," he observes "that the entanglements of the married lady with Mr. Jay led her recently to put into circulation a forged promissory note for £20,000. I meant to convey that she was forged the promissory note and had put it into circulation."

THE SHAMROCK QUESTION.

There is reason to believe that the "scene" in the House of Commons on Monday night will not be without a good effect. On St. Patrick's Day, three men on board H. M. S. Retribution were found wearing the shamrock. They were ordered to remove the emblem. Two of them obeyed; the third, a seaman gunner, named Pilkington, declined, and was punished for his disobedience. The sentence originally passed was 14 days' confinement in cells and reduction to second class. Subsequently the incarceration was reduced to seven days, and it appears that the good-conduct badge of which Pilkington was deprived can be re-earned in six months. These mitigating circumstances were not known when Mr. William Redmond allowed his feelings to carry him away on Monday. The Speaker after several warnings called upon the honourable member to withdraw. Mr. W. Redmond, still labouring under great excitement, replied:—"I shall do nothing of the kind." He was thereupon by the Speaker's directions removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms. At the next sitting Mr. W. Redmond explained that his conduct was not actuated by any desire to be discourteous to the chair, and the Speaker accepted the apology in a characteristically gracious way. Mr. Goschen, who must be as sick as everybody else is of these irritating incidents, has undertaken to see whether the arrangements now in force in the Army regarding the wearing of the shamrock cannot be extended to the Navy.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The once notorious Tichborne Claimant died in very poor circumstances in Marylebone back street. With his wife, a comparatively young woman, he took two rooms at No. 21, Shouldham-street, eight or nine weeks ago. He was then in bad health, and received medical relief from the parish authorities. He was found dead in bed on the morning of the 1st instant, the cause of death being heart disease. At the last he is said to have weighed. When his health broke down he had to abandon lecturing with which he formerly kept the wolf from the door. He then took a tobacconist's shop, but latterly he appears to have gained a livelihood by "showing" himself in various public houses in a north-western suburb at receptions got up for his benefit. Three or four years ago he tried to raise the wind by offering to the London papers in turn what he termed his "confessions;" but he wanted more money than any journal seemed to care to give, but eventually he struck a bargain with the proprietors of a well-known Sunday publication. In these interesting confessions he described how the colossal imposture orginated relating how his attention was called to Lady Tichborne's advertisement, and how, merely for a "lark" at first, he assumed a mysterious air and allowed his friends at Wagga Wagga, who declared that he "answered the description," to think that he was the person in question. That he subsequently recanted this admission of his real identity

AMERICA AND SPAIN.

WHEN the mail left, the crisis between the United States and Spain continued, and the legends "War Inevitable" and "Brighter Prospects" flashed with rapidity one after the other on the placards of the London newspapers every day. The message which President McKinley was to send to Congress had been postponed to Monday next, April 11. The ambassadors and Ministers of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy have met at Washington, and agreed upon a Note suggesting the good offices of the Powers to avert war. Reports as to Papal arbitration have now got beyond the rumour stage. On April 6, President McKinley made a statement that he had received telegrams from Madrid which made it hopeful that war would be averted and that a solution would be reached satisfactory to the American people; but that it was not yet safe to speak of this as more than a probability, though the attitude of the Spanish Government gave foundation for the expectation that it would yield on vital points. In the meantime the air is filled with warlike rumours. There are movements of ships, orders to troops, concile of war, votes for the navy, the purchase of ships, the strengthening of coast defences, and the planting of mines in New York and other harbours.

On April 1, President McKinley communicated to his Cabinet Spain's reply to the American demands with regard to Cuba. After the meeting an abstract of the despatch received from General Woodford was given out to the Press. The Spanish Government, it was stated acquainted the President with the measures taken for the relief of the suffering peasantry in Cuba, proposed to submit the preparation of an honourable peace to the Insular Parliament, and signified its willingness to consent to an armistice when this was asked for by the insurgents themselves, and said the Spanish Government would accept whatever assistance may be sent from the United States "in accordance with the plans now in operation."

In Madrid, on the night of March 31, a remarkable demonstration took place at the special performance at the Spring Theatre in aid of the National War Fund. Enormous prices had been paid for the seats, one nobleman having given 250,000 pesetas. The Queen Regent and other members of the Royal House were present. The leaders of the Spanish aristocracy and the official world. Patriotic feeling ran high, and the Spanish flag was greeted with long applause, the whole house standing. There is a scheme on foot to appeal to all possessors of good incomes for a subscription of 200 to the war fund, and it is believed that there are as many as a million such persons to whom such an appeal would be warranted.

The Cuban insurgent, Junta on April 6, informed the Government at Washington, that, if the United States persisted in intervening with or recognising the independence of a Cuban Republic, the Cuban insurgents would turn their arms against the United States troops, ships, and citizens. Mr. Rogers, a journalist, who has just returned from Cuba, has made a statement to the effect that of 105,000 reconcentrados being fed in great measure by American charity 75 per cent. would die of starvation within thirty days of the cessation of hostilities, owing to the seizure of the supplies in the island by the Spaniards.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Nice correspondence runs the rumour that Mr. McCalmont, M.P., has sold his steam yacht Gitana to the Spanish Government for very brief negotiations for between £20,000 and £30,000.

MR. MCKINLEY AND THE "INSUFFERABLE SITUATION."

The following Note was presented to President McKinley yesterday, by the European Ambassadors to the United States, who had been instructed by their respective Governments at Vienna, Berlin, Rome, Paris, Great Britain, Italy, and Russia, duly authorised in that behalf, to address in the name of their respective Governments a pressing appeal to the feelings of humanity and moderation of the President, and of the people in these existing differences with Spain, they earnestly hope that further negotiations will lead to an agreement which, while securing the maintenance of peace, will afford the necessary guarantees for the re-establishment of order in the island, so terminating a chronic condition of disturbances there which so deeply injure the interests and menaces the tranquility of the American nation by the character and the consequences of the struggle thus kept up at our doors, besides shocking its sentiments of humanity. The Government of the United States appreciates the humanitarian and disinterested character of the counsels made on behalf of the Powers named, and for its part is confident that an equal appreciation will be shown for its own earnest and unselfish endeavours to fulfil its duty to humanity by stating a solution destined to indefinite prolongation of which has become insufferable."

The address and the reply have produced an immense sensation.

The Ambassadors of France, Germany, Russia, and Italy in Madrid waited in a body last evening upon Senor Gullon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and presented a joint Note in the interests of peace.

Senor Gullon, in reply, declared that the members of the Cabinet were in full agreement in considering that Spain had reached the limits of international policy in the direction of conceding the demands and allowing the precautions of the United States.

The New York Chamber of Commerce, which fully represents the business community, yesterday adopted unanimously resolutions "heartily applauding the pacific policy so wisely, patiently, and nobly pursued by the President."—The Chamber declaring its sympathy with the efforts of the Cuban people to secure civil liberty, deplores the suffering, and affirms that its own readiness to endure sacrifices, if war is necessary, pledges its support to the President in his efforts to secure justice for Cuba, while at the same time preserving the inestimable boon of peace to our own country."

THE SOLDIERS.

HOW MATTERS STAND IN HAVANA.

A Special Correspondent of the *St. James's Gazette*, writes:—Havana is still calm on the surface, though it is simmering underneath with excitement. The visitor coming to the Cuban capital for the first time, and knowing only of conditions as he has heard of them through reading the American papers, is surprised by the comparative absence of excitement and the failure to detect unusual signs of warlike activity. The shops are open, officers and civilians sit round the cafés as usual, lottery-ticket vendors hawk their little slips of paper about the streets, the beggars ask for charity in the name of God and the blessed Maria, the band plays twice a week on the Prado, Cubans and Spaniards dance away the early hours of the evening as public and private balls, and women and children roam out to La Regla on Sunday afternoons and enjoy the bracing sea breeze which blows in much to the disgust of a London audience listens to Melba. You read in the American newspapers of Consul-General Lee warning American to leave, of his making hasty preparations to close down, and place American interests under the protection of the British Consul, of Americans being reviled and insulted in the streets, and dreading every moment hearing the signal for a general massacre. If they have any fears, they are most successfully concealed. The ubiquitous and offensive American reporter, full of restless energy generally misinformed, and the American girl no whit less free and independent in Havana than she would be in New York or Chicago who fails to understand why she is violating the conventions by walking about the streets without the protection of a female companion, are still in evidence. The men drink their whisky in the cafés without molestation, and the girls are apparently having ha' good time; which is characteristic of the American maiden to be always having a good time.

And yet of course there is a danger, an ever constant danger, which may show itself at any moment, perhaps even before this letter appears in print. The danger is the presence of the number of men inside than the outside, from the men who should be relied upon for protection in case of necessity. There are in Havana some 20,000 volunteers. The privates are clerks in mercantile offices, men in the shops, young fellows starting in other professions. Perhaps 75 per cent. of them are mere youths. They are well armed with rifle and bayonet and they have been supplied with plenty of ammunition. Arms and ammunition are a man keeps either at his home or his office or shop, ready for use, at a moment's notice. These men are intensely pro-Spanish in their sentiments. The ruling class of Cuba is and always has been the Spaniard. The native Cuban he regards as a low-class native, to be used at times for his convenience. The Cuban, white, black, or mixed, in the eyes of the Spaniard, has his use in the economy of nature. He is good enough to perform those menial offices which no Spaniard worthy of the name would put his hands to, such as a shoe-shine or a hackney and a drawer of water he has a value, but he is always a distinct inferior. With only little less contempt and a great deal more hatred has the Spaniard regarded the American—a hatred which has grown to huge proportions during the last two years. In fact, until recently the ruling class of Cuba, while contemptuous of the native Cuban, had no special animosity against him; while, on the other hand, the Spanish-American, in Cuba as well as in Chili, in Peru and even Venezuela, fears, detests, and despises the Yankee. It is only natural, therefore, that the uneducated clerk constantly hating anti-Cuban and anti-American sentiments expressed by his employer, who has been taught to believe that the Spaniard could lick a dozen Americans, who can fight neither navy nor army, and who has been told that but for the assistance which the Yankees have given the insurgents the rebellion would have collapsed long ago, should be longing for the opportunity to get even with his foe, especially when he believes he can wipe out old scores with perfect safety to himself. Weyler was the idol of the Spaniard in Cuba, of the volunteer as well as the civilian. Weyler's policy of blood and iron, his determination, of indiscriminate slaughter, not only met with no protest from the Spaniard of Cuba, but, on the contrary, met with his most cordial approval. In peace the status of Cuba and its natives were of little consequence to the Spanish officials. From the Captain-General down, Cuba in Spain spelled loot. There was money to be made out of Cuba, and every man quickly learned his lesson. They will tell you in Havana there have been only two honest men in Cuba during the past quarter of a century. One was Martinez Campos, the other Blanco; and men tell you this with an air of pity, as if wondering how any one could be fool enough to let such golden opportunities pass by unheeded.

When Weyler was recalled the volunteers were sullen, but they hoped his successor would make no change in the then existing policy. Blanco's revocation of Weyler's infamous reconcentration order aggered them; but the pronunciation of the Cuban desire of autonomy aroused their resentment to the highest pitch. Naturally they are against autonomy, as if the Cubans are really granted the right of self-government and the power to manage their affairs the Spanish in the island ceases. This in itself was bad enough to the Spaniard; but the knowledge that the policy of the Sagasta Government was dictated by Washington, that Weyler was recalled because President McKinley demanded it, fanned the smouldering hate of Spain to boiling point. The massacre of the Maine by the Spanish officials, the Spanish Government, and Spanish people was hailed with delight. The Spaniard in Cuba, as in Spain, believes that the Yankee is a coward, that he is unwilling to fight, that he is unable to fight, that he is unprepared to fight, that he is unwilling to pay the price of war, that he is unwilling to pay the price of war, that he is unwilling to pay the price of war

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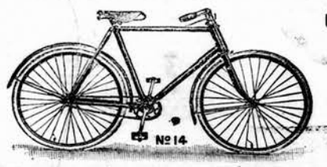

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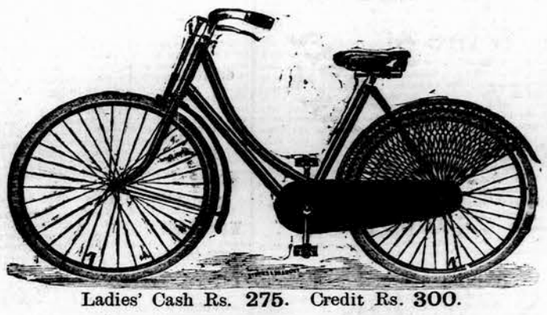

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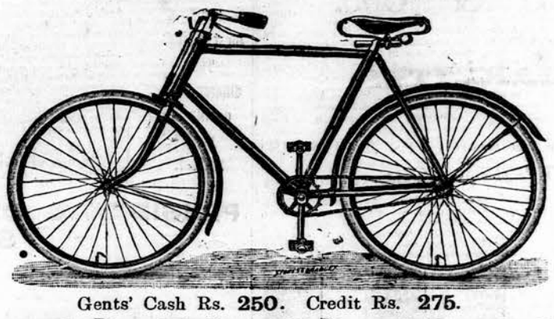

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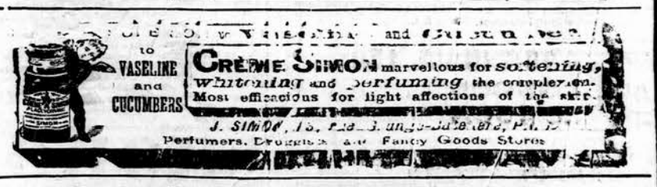
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